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Examination Checklist

Questions to ask when examining application:

1. What's the "effective" filing date of the application? Is there also foreign priority date?
3/2003
No foreign priority claimed.
2. What's the problem with prior art? (See "Background of the Invention")
Control of signals transmitted to subscribers in accordance with payments require manual installation and size compatibility issues with new taps and effective control in switching on and off signals as intended.
3. What's applicant's proposed solution and/or improvement? (See "Summary" and "Detailed" Spec)
Using an addressable tap within $\pm 30\%$ of the traditional tap size of 120mm x 90mm x 40, where the tap includes improvements for effective control of switching.
4. Are claims reflect the proposed solution and/or improvement as disclosed?
The claims do reflect the proposed solution.

Check Below:

 x CONTINUATION case? Check "Continuity/Foreign Data" in eDAN or PALM, if yes

See me. We need to check if original Examiner wants to work on it first.



 x Primary assigned CLASSIFICATION correct? If not, we may have to transfer. See your SPE/primary.
Question?

 x RESTRICTION? (i.e., multiple inventions?) If yes, see your SPE/Primary.

Question?

 x Draw claim tree and group claims (use this link: www.pattools.com/claim_tree.html)

 x DOUBLE PATENTING? Do inventor search using PALM or eDAN, see flowchart in ch. 800 of MPEP

 x Preliminary Amendment? If yes, it supersedes original disclosure. NEW MATTER? See SPE/primary.
Question?

 x IDS (information disclosure statement) filed? If yes, review, annotate & remove IDS flag.

 x Document all search activities, including whom consulted.

 x Prior Art found? Not sure about date? See SPE/Primary.